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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: David D. Knepper
MASAYUKI YAMADA)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2626
Application No.: 09/263,262)	
	:	Allowed: July 12, 2006
Filed: March 5, 1999)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 1577
For: SPEECH SYNTHESIS)	
APPARATUS, CONTROL METHOD	:	
THEREFOR, AND COMPUTER-)	
READABLE MEMORY	:	October 10, 2006

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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

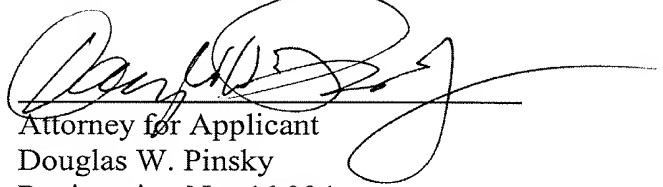
Sir:

The Notice of Allowability mailed July 12, 2006 included, as an attachment, a statement of reasons for allowance.

However, the statement does not accurately reflect what is recited in the independent claims. For example, not all of the independent claims recite "registration" or "re-search"; for another example, those independent claims that do recite "registration" and "re-search" do not recite registration of the results of a re-search in a table that requires phonemic piece data corresponding to the second polyphone. Nevertheless, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is allowable for its combination of claimed features.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas W. Pinsky', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with large loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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